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2. The Institute has two departments:

- a. Dr. Herrmann Mix: engaged in basic stereochemical research.
- b. Dr. Wilhelm Pritzkow: mechanism of paraffin oxidation.
- c. Dr. Hans Feldmeier: synthesis of pharmaceuticals through use of polyenes (sic).
- d. Dipl. Chemist Fritz Topfmeier: mixed formate contacts.
- e. Dipl. Chemist Hans Dreyer: application of ultra-sound to mixed formates.
- f. Dipl. Chemist Ingo Haidasch: biological fat synthesis.
- g. Dipl. Chemist Klaus Schwarzer: formaldehyde condensation.
- h. Dipl. Chemist Marianne Bollow: formaldehyde condensation.
- i. Dr. Karl Heinz Krueger: formaldehyde condensation.

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j. Dr. Guenther Schnuchel: ferment research.

In addition to the scientific personnel listed above, there are about six students (Diplomanten), eight laboratory workers and four technicians.

II. Inorganic Department, headed by Prof. Guenther Riensaecker, who at the same time occupies the Chair for Inorganic Chemistry at Hostock University. Riensaecker will probably leave the Institute around the end of 1953 and succeed Erich Thilo as Professor for Inorganic Chemistry at Humboldt University in Berlin. The following scientific personnel are working under Riensaecker:

- a. Dr. Heinrich Bramer.
- b. Dr. Karla Wenke.
- c. Dr. Birkenstedt (fnu).
- d. Dr. Margarete Birkenstedt.
- e. Dipl. Chemist Vomun (fnu).
- f. Dipl. Chemist Fraeulein Schneeberg (fnu).
- g. Dipl. Chemist Buchholz (fnu).

In addition to these scientific personnel, there are about five Diplomanten and six laboratory workers and technicians. The work of the Inorganic Department is concerned with the catalyst qualities of metal powder.

- 3. The Institute building has three floors. The second floor is occupied by the Inorganic Department, while the first and third floors house the Organic Department. The Institute has an ultra-sound generator acquired for 15,000 DEM from RFT Erfurt, a refrigerating installation, a low temperature vault, a vacuum mantle column delivered by the Schott firm in Jena and a mechanical work shop under the supervision of Mechanic Fischer (fnu), assisted by two technicians.
- 4. In the spring of 1953 the Institute received a visit from the Russian General Director of the Leuna Works, who was accompanied by two unidentified Russians. They were shown the Institute and evinced particular interest in the work on mixed formate contacts. Two unidentified Hungarian visitors appeared at the Institute a short time later and were given a conducted tour of the Institute. In June 1953 a Bulgarian student, Dimitri Vladov, was accepted at the Institute, where he worked in the Inorganic Department until early October 1953; he then returned to Sofia. A Bulgarian and a Czech student will take up work in the Organic Department in November 1953.

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